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**PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of :  
Alanna Schepartz Shrader, et al :  
Appl. No.: 09/840,085 :  
Filed: April 24, 2001 :  
For: DNA & PROTEIN BINDING MINIATURE :  
PROTEINS :  
: Group Art Unit: 1645  
: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
: Attorney Docket No. 44574-5099  
: (Client Ref. No. OCR 976)

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time, to and including January 17, 2002, for responding to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 17, 2001.

The Petition Fee of **\$460.00** is being paid by our firm's check which is enclosed with Applicants' response to the Notice to File Missing Parts being filed simultaneously herewith. Any additional fees/overpayments are authorized to be charged/credited to our firm's Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (billing code 44574-5099).

Respectfully submitted,

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